FISCAL NOTE

SB 1489 - HB 1230

February 19, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and implement a pilot project to measure the effectiveness and economic feasibility of installing protective fencing or enclosures on all interstate highway over-passes.
- Requires the initial project to be limited to:
 - Identifying potential devices to be installed over such over-passes.
 - Documenting the number of over-passes in Tennessee.
 - Determining the costs of installing fencing or enclosures on all over-passes in Tennessee.
 - Installing a representative sample of all available devices on over-passes on Interstate 75 in McMinn County for the purpose of studying the effectiveness of each type of device.
- Requires the Department to provide a written report on its finding and submit the report to the Chairpersons of the Senate and House Transportation Committees by February 1, 2003.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$337,800 One-Time / Highway Fund

Estimate assumes:

- All interstate highway over-passes on Interstate 75 in McMinn County are included in the pilot project.
- McMinn County has 12 interstate highway over-passes.
- The total length of the 12 over-passes is 4,022 feet including both sides.
- The cost to install 6-foot high chain link fencing is \$84 per foot.

For information purposes, the cost to install 6-foot high chain link fencing is \$84 per foot; the cost to install enclosed fencing is \$1,890 per foot; and there are 634 interstate highway over-passes statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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